(b) the year-wise break-up of mobilization plan for this huge financial outlay;

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed in all these 12 major sea ports; and

(d) whether the infrastructure available after completion of these projects would be comparable to the best in similar ports around the globe?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. .

(d) It is the Government's endeavour to make available infrastructure facilities in major ports which are globally comparable. This is a continuous process.

Road proposals from Rajasthan

†457. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals for getting seventeen important highways of Rajasthan declared as National Highways are pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when, the seventeen important highways proposed by the State Government of Rajasthan would be notified as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The State Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal for declaration of seventeen State Roads as National Highways.

(b) In February 2004, the Ministry has declared 7457 Kms of State Roads as National Highways. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

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